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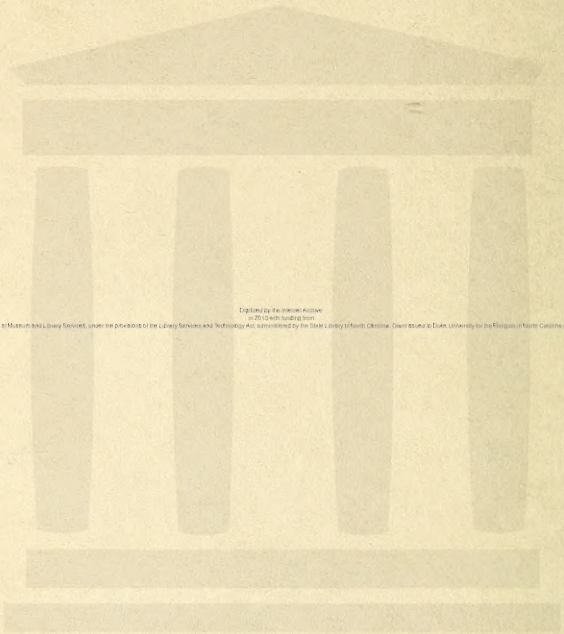

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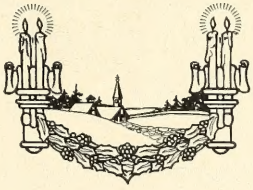

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Secy Local H. M.------Mrs. Lawrence Holt, Jr.,--------Burlington, N. C.
Sec'y Literature----------Mrs. W. S. Lacy----------Gulf, N. C.

HONORARY PRESIDENT.

and

Life Member of Ex. Com.------Mrs. Jackson Johnson------Winnabow, N. C.

MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNODICAL.

The third annual meeting of the North Carolina Synodical was called to order in the Montreat Presbyterian church, Montreat, N. C., Saturday, July 17, at 9:30 a. m., with the President, Mrs. Jackson Johnson presiding.

With a few brief words, the President extended a cordial welcome to the delegates and visitors to the Synodical.

The opening devotional was lead by Mrs. E. D. Brown. She illuminated that beautiful passage, "They looked unto Him and were made radiant." Psalms 34:5a. In prayer, in song, and in word the hearts of the delegates were lifted to Him who is the Light of Life.

In the absence of the Secretary, Miss Rankin, Mrs. W. B. Ramsay was asked to act as secretary of this meeting of the Synodical.

Twenty-two officers and accredited delegates were enrolled. See list page 5.

The following members of other Synodicals were welcomed and asked to sit as consultative members: Mrs. John Knox, Ala; Mrs. H. N. Street, Ark.: Miss F. Robinson, Miss.; Mrs. Andrew Barnlett, Mrs. Gresham, S. C.; Miss Roseman, Tenn.; Mrs. M. R. Jack, Va.

Extracts from the "Brief History of the Synodical of North Carolina with minutes of the First and Second Annual Meetings" were read as information.

The report of the Recording Secretary was read and accepted. See page 5.

The Treasurer's report was received without reading and placed in the hands of the Auditing Committee. See page 6.

At this time Mrs. Winnsborough, the beloved Superintendent of the Auxiliary, entered the church and was greeted by the Synodical. She responded, as she graciously said, not on her own behalf but in the name of the Auxiliary. Her message was a call to every woman in every society to be faithful to her task.

The report of the Secretary of Foreign Missions was read and accepted. See page 7. This report was followed by a conference on Ways and Means conducted by Mrs. Chas. Rankin. Mrs. E. F. Reid, Mrs. Winsborough, Miss McGougan took part in the conference.

The **Narrative Reports** of the Presbyterial Presidents followed.

Fayetteville.—Mrs. J. M. McIver by means of an interestingly starred may of Fayetteville Presbyterial discussed extension work in her Presbyterial.

Mecklenburg.—Mrs. F. S. Neal represented by Miss Madeline Orr, the President of the Mecklenburg Presbyterial. She stated that Mecklenburg Presbyterial has obligated itself to raise each year the traveling expenses of a foreign missionary.

As the hour to adjourn had arrived these reports were discontinued.

The President appointed the following committees:

Committee on Nominations.—Mrs. J. F. McIver, Mrs. E. C. Murray, Mrs. E. D Brown.

Auditing Committee.—Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Mrs. W. H. Davis, Mrs. B. R. Lacy.

Committee on Recommendations.—Miss Della McGougan, Mrs. F. S. Neal, Mrs. W. B. Ramsay.

Mrs. Winsborough led in prayer for Mr. Walker, Supt. of Barium Orphanage who is ill with typhoid fever.

On motion the consecration offerings of the Synodical meeting were ordered sent to Barium.

After singing "At the Name of Jesus" the Synodical adjourned to meet at 2:30.

SATURDAY, 2:30 P. M.

The meeting was opened with a consecration service conducted by Miss Pattie Watkins of Red Spring's Seminary. The message was an earnest call to missionary service, to do with the might what the hands find to do.

In the absence of Mrs. Guerney, the report of the Secretary of Literature was presented by Mrs. E. F. Reid. It was moved and carried that this report be accepted. See page 9. A short conference on Literature at the Presbyterials followed.

At this time a telegram of greetings from Miss Madeline Orr, President of Mecklenburg Presbyterial was read by the Secretary.

Dr. Sweets, the Executive Secretary of C. E. and M. R. then addressed the Synodical. He showed how the cause he represents is fundamentally missionary in its purpose and scope. The Synodical was pleased to hear him say that N. C. has more than three times as many candidates in proportion to the membership than any other Synod.

The Report on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was then heard and accepted. See page 10.

The report on Local Home Missions was read by the secretary of the cause. Her recommendations were referred to the Committee on Recommendations, and the report was accepted. See page 10.

The Synodical then proceeded with the narrative reports of the Presbyterial Presidents.

Concord.—Mrs. E. D. Brown, President of Concord Presbyterial presented her plan of holding one day missionary institutes in the country churches, the Ex. Com. of F. M. furnishing a missionary and the Presbyterial a visitor.

Albemarle.—Mrs. Ben Lacy spoke for Mrs. Baker, the President of Albemarle Presbyterial. She mentioned particularly the growth in the organized woman's work in her Presbyterial.

The Auditing Committee asked to make their report at this time. The report was read and accepted. See page 7.

The Synodical then adjourned to the front steps to face the photographer.

After this interruption the Synodical proceeded to decide upon the place of meeting.

After a spirited discussion on the motion that the place of meeting be changed from Montreat, the question was called, and a unanimous vote was recorded in favor of the motion.

An invitation was then extended through Mrs. Jackson Johnson to the North Carolina Synodical to hold the 1916 meeting with the First Presbyterian church of Wilmington. The invitation was accepted

After singing one verse of "At the Name of Jesus" the Synodical adjourned to meet Monday at 3 p. m.

MONDAY, 3 P. M.

The devotional was led by Mrs. W. H. Davis of Asheville Presbyterial. Special prayer was offered for Mr. Walker, and for an afflicted son of a christian worker.

The roll was called and the minutes of the first day were read and approved.

The first business of the afternoon was the report of the Secretary of Young People's work and Sunday School Extension. In the absence of the Secretary, her reporter was presented by Mrs. E. D. Brown. It was moved and carried that the report be accepted. See page 11.

A short conference on Y. P. work followed. Upon request, Mrs. J. Johnson told of the Young People's Day, separate from the Presbyterial meeting, held at Wilmington Presbyterial.

In the absence of Mrs. W. M. Cumming, the report of the Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions was read by Mrs. E. C. Murray. On motion the report was accepted. See page 13.

Narrative reports from the three remaining Presbyterial Presidents were next heard.

Asheville.—Mrs. W. H. Davis, President of Asheville Presbyterial showed on a map of Asheville Presbytery the location of the Morrison Institute School, the special charge of the Asheville Presbyterial, and made an earnest appeal for the support of the mountain schools. Her sincere message of farewell in the name of Asheville Presbyterial to the N. C. Synodical made all feel the strength of the tie that binds the Presbyterials to the Synodical.

Orange.—Mrs. E. C. Murray, Pres. of Orange Presbyterial presented a number of strong points in the policy of her Presbyterial. The last Presbyterial was made an educational meeting.

In this connection Miss Pattie Watkins made an earnest appeal for larger giving to the cause of the education of the girls of the church.

Kings Mountain.—Mrs. Patterson, the president of Kings Mountain Presbyterial was not present, and no report was sent.

FAREWELL TO ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL.

Mrs. E. D. Brown suggested that the Synodical send the following message of farewell to Asheville Presbyterial as they leave the North Carolina Synodical to assume their new relations in the Synod of Appalachia:

"The Synodical sends a loving farewell to our sisters of Asheville Presbyterial, and assures them that they will continue to have a place in our hearts and in our prayers." The Synodical arose in a body to endorse this message.

The Field Secretary of the Presbyterian Orphanage at Barium, Miss Victoria Hudson, was given ten minutes to report on what had been accomplished through her efforts in systematizing the gifts to the Home and in stimulating interest in this work.

The motion was made and carried that the Synodical recommend the appointing of an Orphanage representative in each Presbyterial and in each local society.

Reports of committees were made as follows:

Recommendations _____Miss Della McGougan

Nominations _____Mrs. J. M. McIver

These reports were adopted and will be found on page 14.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Mrs. J. Johnson and to Miss Margaret Rankin for their splendid, selfsacrificing services to the Synodical.

HONORARY PRESIDENT.

By a unanimous vote Mrs. Jackson Johnson was elected Honorary President of the North Carolina Synodical and made a life-member of the Executive Committee.

It was announced by the Secretary that the consecration offering for Barium amounted to $11.50.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

After a chain of prayer the meeting of the Synodical was declared adjourned to be followed by a

A PRAISE SERVICE.

This service was led by Mrs. T. W. Lingle.

MRS. W. B. RAMSAY,
Acting Secretary.

ENROLLMENT

OFFICERS.

President	Mrs. Jackson Johnson	Winnabow
Second Vice-President	Mrs. J. M. McIver	Gulf
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Sixth Vice-President	Mrs. E. D. Brown	Loray
Eighth Vice-President	Mrs. W. H. Davis	Pisgah Forest
Treasurer	Mrs. E. F. Reid	Lenoir

DELEGATES

ALBEMARLE—	Mrs. A. P. Thorpe	Rocky Mount
ASHEVILLE—	Mrs. R. C. Anderson	Montreat
CONCORD—	Mrs. W. B. Ramsay	Hickory
FAYETTEVILLE—	Mrs A. T. McCallum	Red Springs
	Miss Della McGongan	St. Pauls
KINGS MT.—	Mrs. R. S. Burwell	Gastonia, R. F. D.
MECKLENBURG.—	Mrs. F. S. Neal	Charlotte R. F. D.
	Mrs. J. W. Pharr	Eliz. Ave. Charlotte, N. C.
	Miss Hariet Orr	W. 7th St. Charlotte, N. C.
ORANGE—	Mrs.. W. E. Merritt	Mt Airy
	Mrs. G. W. Denny	High Point
WILMINGTON—	Mrs. G. L. Clark	Clarkton
	Mrs. Rosa Lee Clark	Clarkton

PROGRAM SPEAKERS.

Mrs. W. C. Winsborough	Atlanta
Dr. H. L. Sweets	Louisville
Miss Pattie Watkins	Red Springs
Miss Victoria Hudson	Barium
Mrs. T. W. Lingle	Davidson

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

Madam President, Members of the N. C. Synodical.

As Recording Secretary I beg to submit the following report.

A report of the Second Annual meeting of the Synodical was written for the church paper, and also sent to the Synodical Chairman on Women's Work, Dr. C. M. Richards.

A brief history of the N. C. Synodical was written and printed in pamphlet form as ordered by the Synodical. The copies of which, by or order of the President. were equally devided between the Presidents of the Presbyterials. Leaving a few to be used as reference by the future Secretaries. Many letters and cards were written, many of them asking for an early report from the Presbyterials.

Asheville was the first Presbyterial to send their report. followed very quickly by Orange and Kings Mountain. No other reports came until the Auxiliary telegraphed that they must have report, to send what I had. Not willing to have our State go on record with such a report as that, I telegraphed delinquent Presbyterials begging them to send their reports by return mail. Even then, the report had to be held until a second call from Atlanta. Friends such things ought not so to be. Why not send your report the first of April as requested and save your Secretary an attack of nervous prostration? The report should be sent in the first of April, regardless of when the Presbyterial meets.

No Presbyterial reached the Standard of Excellence.

Only one observed the request of the Auxiliary, that only eleven dollars be reported. All sent their odd cents, except Orange.

According to the report we have:

390 churches with a membership of 41,201. No. Societies; adult, 262, Y. P. A., 3,071.

Increase in membership over last year. Adult, 607; Y. P., 486.
No. of societies enrolled but not reporting. Adult, 20; Y. P., 38.
No. of societies not belonging to the Synodical Adult 20; Y. P., 15.
No. societies organized during the year. Adult, 55; Y. P., 15.
Copies of the Missionary Survey taken, 3058.
Copies of Prayer Calendar taken, 928.
No. Mission Study Classes. Foreign, 107; Home, 68.
Prayer Bands. Adult, 63; Y. P., 6.

The following is the report of the "Adding Machine" which was used to make the report absolutely accurate.

Foreign Missions, $16,837.00 Assembly Home Missions, $2,181.00.
Synodical, $1,975.00. Presbyterial, $3,758.00.
Congregational, $1,220.00 Ch'n Edu. & Min. Relief, $1,471.00.
S. S. Extension and Publication, $414.00. Schools and Colleges, $1,529.00.
Bible Census, $75.00. Orphans Homes, $7,677.00
Miscellaneous, $1,758.00. Contingent Fund, $690.00.
Total. $51,413.00

May God's richest blessing, the presence of the Holy Spirit, be with each member of the Synodical, and may the result be an absolute surrender of themselves and all that they possess to God, to be used as He sees best.

MARGARET G. RANKIN,
Synodical Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS—

From Presbyterials.

Albemarle	$24.45
Concord	15.00
Kings Mtn	31.60
Mecklenburg	35.40
Orange	40.10
Fayetteville	4.50
Wilmington	25.20
Total receipts	$176.25

STATEMENT—

1915.

Aug. 1st 1914.	To Balance on hand	$45.90
Aug. 1st 1915.	To Receipts year ending Aug. 1st, 1915	176.25
	Total receipts	$222.15

DISBURSEMENTS—

July 1st to Aug. 1st.

Presbyterian State Pub. Co.	$36.00	
Mrs. E. D. Brown	2.50	
Miss W. Rankin	3.28	
Miss W. Rankin	1.20	
Miss Patrick	1.25	
Miscellaneous, extra postage, etc.	1.67	
		$45.90

Aug. 1st, 1915 Balance on hand $176.25

Mrs. E. F. Reid, Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, the committee on auditing, report as follows:

We find the books of the Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Reid correct and neatly and accurately kept.

Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Ch'm.
Mrs. B. R. Lacy.
Miss Della McGougan.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Foreign Mission report of the North Carolina Synodical for the year ending March 31st, 1915.

Madam President, Honored Guests and Women of the North Carolina Synodical.

Albermarle Pres.—Mrs. W. W. Faison, Sec.

Societies contributing to Foreign Missions.

Women's, 15; Y. P. A. 2. Total	17
Mission Study Classes	15
Observing Week of Prayer	7
Subscribers to Survey	298
Amount contributed to For Mis., Women's Societies	$16.91
Young People's	1.26
Total	$18.17

Decrease $18.00.

The Sec. reports a growing interest and larger activities in Foreign Missions work in this Presbyterial.

Asheville Pres.—Miss Grace Bowles, Sec.

No. of Societies contributing—

Women's 18, Young People 12. Total	30
Mission Study Classes	5
Observing Week of Prayer	2
Subscribers to Survey	145
Amount contributed for Foreign Missions, Women's Societies	$562.00
Young People's	78.00
Total	$640.00

Increase, $33.00.

This is a good showing for this Presbyterial as it is composed principally of Home Mission territory. Miss Bowles aim for next year is a Foreign Mission Secretary is each society. There are only four at present.

Concord Pres.—Mrs. E. F. Reid, Sec.

No of Societies.—

Women's, 24; Young People's, 19. Total	43
Mission Study Classes.—	
Women's, 14; Young People's, 18. Total	32
Observing week of prayer not reported.	
Subscribers to Survey	555
Women's Societies	$2,43.00
Young People's	195.00
Total	$2,618.00

Increase $169.00.

Please notice the splendid Young People's work in this Presbyterial. Societies 19, Mission Study Classes, 18. That is a remarkable record.

Fayetteville Pres.—Miss Della McGougan, Sec.

No. of Societies.—

Women's, 45; Young People's, 37;. Total	102

Mission Study Classes.—
Women's, 27;; Young People's, 9. Total 36
Observing Week of Prayer 20
Subscribers to Survey 845
Amount Contributed.—
Women's Societies $5,549.00
Young People's 426.00

Total $5,975.00

Increase $1,025.00.

All the societies in this Presbyterial observing Week of Prayer. Increased in gifts. Also this Presbytery reports largest number of subscribers to Survey and largest increase in contributions.

Mecklenburg Pres.—Mrs. E. M. Cole, Sec.
No. of societies.—
Women's, 26; Young People's, 16. Total 42
Mission Study Classes.—
Women's 15
Young People's not reported.
Observing week of Prayer 15
Subscribers to Survey 331
Amount Contributed.—
Women's Societies $3,370.00
Young People's 502.00

Total $3,870.00

Decrease $2,319.00.

The Secretary made an especial effort to raise $1,000.00 for Dr. Strixrud's travelling expenses to Africa. This was taken up late in the year, $700.00 was procured and the rest she expects to be forthcoming shortly. In this Presbytery almost without exception the society having a F. M. secretary had a Mission Study Class and observed Week of Prayer.

Kings Mountain Pres.—Mrs. N. F. Mitchell, Sec.
No of Societies.—
Women's. 13; Young People's 2. Total 15
Mission Study Classes.—
Women's, 11; Young People's, 1. Total 12
Observing Week of Prayer 7
Subscribers to Survey 185
Amount Contributed.—
Women's Societies $806.00
Young People's 42.00

Total $848.00

Increase $185.00.

Mrs. Mitchell sent out 16 report blanks and had 13 replies. Please give the other secretaries your receipt. Each society sending a reply had Foreign Mission Programs and more than half observed Week of Prayer. We do not wonder at an increase in gifts.

Orange Pres.—Mrs. Geo. Oldham, Sec.
No. of Societies.—
Women's, 32; Young People's, 17. Total 49
Mission Study Classes 19
Observing Week of Prayer 22
Subscribers to Survey 724
Amount Contributed.—
Women's Societies $4,403.00

Increase $52.00.

Twenty two Societies report For. Mis. Secretaries, 22 report regular.

For. Mis. programs, 22 observed Week of Prayer and 19 Study classes. The conclusion is self evident.

This Presbyterial led in the number observing Week of Prayer.

Wilmington Pres.—Mrs. W. P. Currie, Sec.

No. of Societies.—	
Women's, 28; Young People's, 7. Total	35
Mission Study Classes	12
Observing Week of Prayer	14
Subscribers to Survey	304
Amount Contributed.—	
Women's Societies	$1,660.00
Young People's	281.00
Total	$1,941.00

Increase $82.00.

The Secretary has been untiring in the efforts and reports increased interest and enthusiasm in Foreign Missions throughout the Presbyterial.

SUMMARY.—	
Total number societies contributing	383
Total number Study Classes	148
Total number observing Week of Prayer	87
Total number subscribing to Survey	3377
Total amount contributed	$22,114.00

Decrease from last year, $705.00.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS. CHAS.) HARRIOT S. RANKIN,
Synodical Sec. Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL SECRETARY OF LITERATURE.

(Abstract of report.)

Madam President, and Women of the Synodical:—

Having received reports from but five Presbyterials I am unable to give anything resembling an estimate of the work accomplished in this department. More than five hundred question blanks were sent to Presbyterial Secretaries and distributed by them.

To summarize:—I have reports covering 162 societies—70 Foreign Mission Study Classes—26 Home Mission Classes—2092 subscriptions to the "Survey"—376 "Prayer Calendars."

Of the work done by our Secretaries of Literature during selfdenial week and seasons of special prayer, I have no report; and I am certain that the figures but poorly tell the actual effort made to secure subscriptions during "Survey Week." I am unable to say whether there were more Mission Study Classes formed this year than last, but I know that in some of the societies the classes were larger, and the interest better sustained than here-to-fore. I have been much encouraged also by receiving more letters regarding our literature, and by the prompt and enthusiastic replies by our own communications. The work of the Presbyterial Secretaries in preparing Literature tables at their meetings deserves special notice—the display has been made very attractive, and the cause ably presented.

I am sorry that the women have not done themselves justice in reporting their work, but comfort myself with the thought that much of the Literature Department is covered by the reports from the other Secretaries, and from these you will understand that this important Department has not been neglected, and that there have really been a deeper interest, greater effort, and larger results, than their extreme modesty has permitted them to report.

Respectfully submitted:—

(MRS. H. E.) ELLA GURNEY,
Synodical Secretary of Literature.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

(Abstract from Report.)

As Secretary of C. E. & M. R. I have written to the Presbyterial secretaries of this cause and have received letters from them. All have co-operated with me in trying to get the societies more interested in this cause and in getting them to observe the special seasons of prayer appointed by our committee.

From the report sent in the following summary is made:

Societies having Secretaries of C. E. & M. R.	101
Meeting on cause held	57
Candidates for the ministry	71
Girls preparing for Mission service	36
Number Societies giving 14 per cent of gifts to this cause	21
Amount contributed	$1,496.43

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. R. LACY.

REPORT OF LOCAL HOME MISSIONS.

As your Secretary of Local Home Missions I beg to report that in complying with the injunction of our Woman's Council, "Be in close and frequent correspondence with our Presbyterial Secretaries." I sent letters to each of these in September explaining this important place of our work, differentiating as early as possible between Presbyterial and Synodical, Home Missions and Congregational Work. I also wrote them in regard to our Orphanage and called their attention to our Synodical President's plan for it in The Presbyterian Standard of September 30th.

Report blanks were mailed in February and numerous letters written since in regard to them.

The Presbyterial Secretaries have been interested and faithful. In fact whatever success has been achieved is due largely to their interest and efforts. They have written for literature and help and their is so little to send. Can't we get the press to help this cause as it does all the others?

From Albemarle, Mrs. J. W. Thackstone reports that she wrote each of her local societies in the early fall and explained the work; urging the appointment of a Secretary and enclosing leaflets on the duties of such an office. She also wrote them in regard to the Orphanage and, too, has corresponded with the Secretaries of her Synod and Presbytery. It is not surprising therefore that she writes, "Responses have been much larger this year than last." Total contributions from this Presbyterial were $6,508.53.

Asheville Presbyterial through Mrs. I. H. McNelly reports a very great interest in the work, many societies pledging scholarships for the mountain schools. In the last copy of "Our Mountain Work," I see the ladies have undertaken the building of an annex to the Morrison Institute School. Total contributions from Asheville were $3,008.82.

Mrs. J. H. Reid of Concord Presbyterial reports $944.18 contributed to Local Home Missions. The report blanks here, as well as everywhere, were very unsatisfactory and only ten were returned to her.

From Fayetteville Presbyterial Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin reports very enthusiastically. Home Missions week in November was observed for Local Home Missions, and, as a result $500 was given to help the Presbytery place an evangelist in Johnson and Harnett counties. Pledges were also made for a similar amount for the next two years. Rally Day was observed all over the Presbytery, several societies writing in a program, sometimes in an all day affair. Speakers were secured who knew the needs and she writes, "Our people's eyes were opened to the needs right around them in a way they had never been before." In making up this Rally Day she wrote nearly one hundren and fifty letters.. Elsie School, our Orphanage at Barium and our moun-

tain orphanage, also received help from Fayetteville. Their total contributions were $5,425.68.

Kings Mountain with Mrs. J. S. Wise as Secretary, gives a most encouraging report: More Societies having local Secretaries than ever before; several Home Mission Study Classes were reported; and more selfdenial envelopes used in November than heretofore. The contributions were $545.54.

Mecklenburg Presbyterial through Mrs. J. W. Zimmerman reports several Mission Study Classes, the Week of Prayer for Home Missions observed throughout the Presbyterials; in the country as well as in the city churches. Only thirty-three of the sixty-three societies reported and they contributed to this work $2,954.69.

The Secretary of the Orange Presbyterial, Mrs. S. M. Rankin has had the work of Local Home Missions only since January, this office being combined with that of Assembly's Home Missions up to this time. Hence it is impossible to give an accurate report, other than a statistical one. The cause was emphasized in the Week of Prayer. A number of the local societies have this secretary. But many need to understand the cause more fully. Total contributions were $3,082.

Mrs. D. B. Herring of Wilmington accepted the work in March. She mailed thirty-four report blanks and received answers to twenty-one. Nineteen reported Local Home Mission Secretaries. The interest in our Barium Springs Orphanage in this Presbyterial, and in others as well, was greatly increased as a result of the faithful work done by Miss Hudson, our Field Secretary. Total contributions from Wilmington were $2,155.10.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA PATRICK,

Syn. Sec. L. H. Missions.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF Y. P. WORK AND S. S. EXTENSION.

Madam President and Co-Workers of the Synodical:

Your Secretary of Young People's Work and Sunday School Extension brings to you a report, which, taken as a whole, sounds an optimistic note. There has been an increase in membership, gifts, mission study classes, etc., but all Presbyterial Secretaries agree that there remains "much land yet to be possessed."

Following are the items of special interest from our various Presbyterials:

Albemarle: One new society has been organized during the past year and one mission study class held. One society contributed to all causes. Their most effective work has been in Sunday School extension. One church alone supports four Mission Sunday Schools.

Asheville: This Secretary has visited nine churches during the past year and has been gratified in finding, almost without exception, the children and young people eager to be put to work. Four new societies have been organized, and there has been an increase in the use of missionary programs. The aggressive work done by our country church societies is especially encouraging. Working for our sixty odd orphan children in this Presbytery seems to have aroused more interest than any other thing.

Concord: Feeling that there is a great need for a more thorough and adequate study of missions in our Sunday School and missionary societies, this Secretary, with some outside help, is preparing a course of study. Her "Catechism of China" has already been submitted to the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions for its approval, and if this is accepted no doubt it will be followed by catechisms of our other mission fields. She writes: "There has been an increase in mission study and reading. A number of societies

have reached our standard of excellence, which required a mission study class, or the reading of two mission books—a Home and a Foreign. Our societies have contributed the largest amount to Foreign Missions, but some have given to all four causes, and orphanage work."

Fayetteville: No doubt 83 organizations for children and young people sounds like a big number to our other Presbyterial Secretaries, but this is a large Presbytery, and this Secretary says that nearly two-thirds of their churches are still without organizations. However, with the help of local Secretaries she is organizing societies in the heretofore unoccupied fields. Seven of these societies contributed to all the causes and three mission study classes were held. Two societies report their boys and girls being trained to lead in prayer in public.

Kings Mountain: Two new societies have been organized in this Presbyterial during the past year, and one society reports having reached the standard of excellence in membership. One society evidently believes in "doing things" for they have given their church building a thorough cleaning and then went to work to beautify their church grounds. Another society reports that all their members have been trained to lead in prayer in public.

Mecklenburg: Sixteen societies have contributed during the past year to all causes and have had regular monthly programs on Missions. One society has reached the standard of excellence. There were six mission study classes and as a result of studying "The Upward Path" one society is now supporting a Mission Sunday School for colored people. The Secretary writes: "The girls are intensely interested in this work, visit the school, giving encouragement and help. They do not teach, the colored people do that, but they support the school entirely."

Orange: We are slowly getting into harness, but I hope we will be in good working order in another year. Our increase in membership, and especially in gifts shows that we are steadily gaining ground."

Wilmington: This energetic Secretary made up a list of questions of her own, had them type-written and mailed out to her societies before she received the official report blanks from the Synodical Secretary. But, alas! she has had the same difficulty as the rest of us, of failing to receive replies from all local societies. "Several new societies have been organized but have not been officially reported. We have a number of Christian Endeavor Societies, but they haven't accepted the invitation to join our Presbyterial for two reasons; first, the boys do not care to be reporting to a woman's organization; second, young people of other denominations join the local societies but are opposed to being a part of the Presbyterial." Good Sunday School extension work is being carried on in this Presbyterial.

Without a single exception these Secretaries have reported no regular and adequate study of missions in our Sunday Schools. When we think of the small per cent of the children and young people of our Sunday Schools who belong to the Missionary Societies, then we realize the great number growing up without any missionary education. Then, is there any wonder that we have so many grown people who are not interested in missions? Let's seek the co-operation of the local Secretary, the Sunday School Superintendent and the Pastor in correcting our past negligence along this line.

Here is a characteristic answer that has come in to our Presbyterial Secretaries. "We have plenty of children and young people in our church, but no missionary organizations simply because we have no one to lead them." Then it is very evident that our greatest need at present is for trained leader-

ship. Your Synodical Secretary would like to make the following suggestion, namely; that each Presbyterial send a wide awake, consecrated young woman to our Assembly Training School for Christian Workers, in Richmond, Va. After receiving thorough training she would then be prepared to train local society workers. Perhaps it would be well for these local workers to gather in county groups and have a several days' course of study under this trained leader.

Local and Presbyterial Secretaries of Young People's Work, let's not be content to do the "best we know how" but seek every opportunity for learning the best and most effective methods of work. The boys and girls of today are the men and women of tomorrow, and if we interest them in missions, then our "grown up" problems of indifference will gradually disappear. In speaking of the "Every-Member Canvass" at the recent Laymen's Convention, one speaker made this statement: "Teach children to give and then we won't have many stingy adults."

Every one who deals with children should read a poem entitled "Your Second Chance." The closing verses are as follows:

"Oh you look on life with regret
And would its beauty enchance
Look brightly up and cease to fret
For "a child is your second chance."

Do you wish you had served him across the sea
With all your vigor of youth?
Then why not prepart the "man to be"
To go out with the Gospel Truth?"

Respectfully submitted,

M. JULIA SMITH,

Secretary Y. P. W. & S. S. EX., for North Carolina Synodical.

ASSEMBLY HOME MISSIONS.

(Abstract from Report.)

As your Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions for the N. C. Synodical, I feel gratified and hopeful over the reports that have come to me from our Presbyterial Secretaries of Assembly's Home Missions. Only one failed to make a report and I am sure Asheville Presbyterial has been doing good work as well as the others. But for some reason, no report has reached my hand.

Many Societies are striving to attain the 27 per cent standard. Many have held mission Study Classes. Many have observed the Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

The total gifts for Assembly's Home Missions as reported to me are $1,987.49.

Fayetteville	585.49
Mecklenburg	313.15
Concord	221.44
Wilmington	246.47
Albemarle	151.06
Orange	324.00
Kings Mountain	145.95

May the good work done the past year, be but an earnest of better work in the coming year.

May our Christian women bring their splendid ability and lay it at the Master's feet. May they have a call far beyond clubs, social, literary or memorial,—the call of the Master, "Come unto Me," and being obedient to that, may they obey the command, "Go work to-day in my vineyard."

MRS. W. N. CUMMINGS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

We, the committee on Recommendations, submit the following:

1. That the Secretary of the Synodical be instructed to write to each of the four Executive Committees requesting that all communications from these officers which are intended for local societies, instead of being sent directly to the Societies that they be sent to the Presbyterial Secretaries of the cause for distribution.

2. That the Presbyterials discuss the adversability of a Young People's Day separate from the Presbyterial meeting.

3. That the Secretaries of the Presbyterials be requested to send a printed copy of the minutes of their meeting to the Scretaries of each of the other Presbyterials, also to the Synodical officers.

4. That all report blanks be sent by the Corresponding Secretary of the Syndical to the Corresponding Secretaries of the Presbyterials, the Corresponding Secretaries of the Presbyterials to send them to the President of the local Societies.

MRS. F. S. NEAL
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We think it fitting to begin this report with words of appreciation of the splendid service rendered by our President, Mrs. Jackson Johnson. She has done a work that few women, if any, in North Carolina could have done in the formative period of our organization. We owe her much, and we thank her with full hearts. Now, that she asks that the work be placed in new hands, the committee recommends that the Synodical accept her resignation, and that of Miss Margaret Rankin, our most efficient Secretary, and begs to present the following names:

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